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PATENT APPLICATION

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the initial Office Action on the merits dated March 24, 2005. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-7 and 14-19 stand allowed. By the foregoing amendment, claims 9 and 10 have been canceled and claim 8 has been amended. Therefore, claims 1-8 and 11-19 remain in this application with claims 1, 8, and 14 being independent.

IN THE CLAIMS:**35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections:**

Claims 8, 9, 11, and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,595,635 to Schubert. However, the examiner has indicated that claims 10 and 13 include allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, without admitting the propriety of these rejections, claim 8 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 10 including the limitations of claim 9 which is intervening. Claims 9 and 10 have been canceled accordingly. Therefore, claim 8 should now be in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested along with claims 11-13 which depend therefrom.

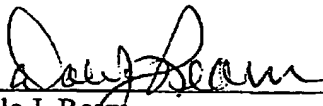
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If the examiner has any suggestions that would place this application in even better condition for allowance, he is invited to contact the applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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